PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) Government is not aware of the existence or development of any such liquid as an alternative to petrol and also cheaper by 50 per cent.

Stable power supply to rural areas

1233. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state-

(a) whether any instructions have since been issued by the Central Go vernment to the State Goverments to give special attention for providing stable power supply to the rural areas; and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b) Distribution of power is prima rily the responsibility of the respec tive State Governments. Power sup ply t_0 various consumers in the rural|urban areas is decided by the State authorities, keeping in view the demand and availability of power- Priority is generally accorded in the matter of power supply to agri-cultual consumers with an assured supply of about 6 to 8 hours|day.

Shortage of power in the country

1234. SHRI PRABHAKAR! RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of power in the country at present paticularly in the Southern part;.,

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(cj what is the estimated requirement and availability of power in each State and Union Teritories, separately; and

(d) whether any plan has since been chalked out by Government to improve power supply position; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b) During April-Nov., 1990 the power shortage in the country was 7. 4 per cent as against 10. 5 per cent in the Southern Region. The reason for power shortage is mainly on account of the demand outstripping the supply and availability.

(c) The anticipated power supply position in different states/UTs dur ing 1990-91 is given in statement. (See below)

(d) The various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include constant monitoring of the generators of the existing power stations to optimise the generators, expediting commissioning of new generating units, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the perfomance of existing power stations, reducing T & D losses, im plementation of demand management and eergy conservation measures aod arranging transfe of supply from sur plus to deficit areas.

Statement

Power Supply Position: 90 91 *{Anticipated)*

Region/State	Require-ment	Availability	Def. (~)	Sur(+)/%	Require-ment	Availability	Dcf. (~)	Sur(+)%
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Northern Region								
Chandigarh....	110	110	0	0. 00	570	570	0. 00	0. 00
Delhi.	1595	1450	145	9. 10	8800	8530	-270. CO	-3. 10
Haryana....	1870	1400	470	25. 10	91C0	8745	- 355. C0	-3 90
Himachal Pradesh.	300	300	0	o. co	1400	1467	67. 00	4. 80
Jammu & Kashmir.:	700	500	200	28. 60	35C0	3218	-282. 00	- 8. 10
Punjab incl. NFF	3190	2800	390	12-20	172C0	17485	285. 00	1. 70
Rajasthan....	2100	1800	3C0	14. 30	117C0	11433	-267. 00	-2. 30
U ttar Pradesh	6235	3265	1970	31. 60	307C0	28331	-2569	-8. 40
TOTAL (N. R.).	15630	12625	3005	19. 20,	82970	79579	- 3391	-4. 10
Western Region								
Gujarat.	4160	3200	SCO	23. 10	233C0	22800	- 500. 00	-2. 10
Madhya Pradesh	2950	26C0	350	11. 90	179C0	17844	- 56. CO	-0. 30
,, Maharashtra....	65C0	56C0	9C0	13. 80	389C0	38213	- 687. 00	-1. 80
• Goa., •	130	130	0	O. CO	590	590	0. 00	0. 00
K TOTAL (W. R.)...	13340	11530	1810	13. 60	SC690	79447	^1243	-. 1. 50

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Southern Region								
Andhra Pradesh	4000	3300	700	17.50	22350	19301	-3049	-13.60
Karnataka	3600	2590	1010	28.10	19750	14366	-5394	-27.30
Kerala	1550	1350	200	12.90	7550	7058	-492	-6.50
Tamil Nadu	4100	3450	650	15.90	22250	21298	-958	-4.30
TOTAL (S.R.)	12865	10690	2175	16.90	71900	62017	-9883	-13.70
Eastern Region								
Bihar	1295	900	395	30.50	6800	4646	-2154	-31.70
D.V.C.	1335	1100	235	17.60	7400	6459	-941	-12.70
Orissa	1470	1000	470	32.00	8650	5331	-3819	-38.40
West Bengal	1860	1500	360	19.40	10440	9816	-624	-6.00
Sikkim					60	60	0	0.00
TOTAL (E.R.)	5785	4500	1285	22.20	33350	26312	-7038	-21.10
N.E. Region	620	600	20	3.20	3090	3095	5	2
ALL INDIA	48240	39945	8295	17.20	272000	250450	-21550	-7.90